Allotment of Government quarters to journalists

2261. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) as on date, how many flats/houses are there in the Press Pool to be allotted for journalists;

(b) names of the journalists who are presently occupying Government accommodation allotted for them out of press pool;

(c) also the names of the periodicals to which they are presently accredited;

(c) during the last three years whether any flats/Bungalows have been added to press pool, if so, details thereof alongwith that of allottee;

(e) how many journalists have been allotted accommodation from the discretionary quota of the Government during the last three years;

(f) year-wise and also names of the journalists and also the names of the periodicals to which he/she has been accredited; and

(g) what steps are being taken by Government to solve the housing problems among the journalists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (g) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Relaxation of policy for creation of fresh capacity for production of Vanaspati

2262. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have relaxed the norms for creation of fresh capacity for production of Vanaspati;

(b) if so, the names and address of the companies/organisations who have been granted letters of intents industrial licences for creation of fresh capacity alongwith terms and conditions thereof;

(c) what are the norms laid down by Government for issues of letter of intent and capacity approval for manufacturing of Vanaspati; and

(d) what are the names and addresses of the companies whose proposals referred to above are pending alongwith the dates since they are pending and reasons for delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) Recently Government has reviewed the licensing policy for vanaspati Industry. The following order of priorities have been accorded for setting up of new units:—

(i) Cooperatives of Oilseeds Growers, Agro Industries, Ex-servicemen Cooperative, Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Cooperatives;

(ii) Public Sector/Joint Sector;

(iii) Private Sector.

(d) Most of the cases have been *prima facie*/finally rejected. The cases pending